

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed September 10, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,746,280 to *Lu et al.* ("Lu"). Claim 1 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,264,506 to *Yasufuku et al.* ("Yasufuku").

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 1 to more appropriately define Applicant's invention. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1 and 2 remain pending. Applicant respectfully traverses the Section 102(e) rejections for at least the following reasons.

To properly anticipate claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), *Lu* must disclose each and every element recited in the claims. M.P.E.P. § 2131.01 (8<sup>th</sup> ed. 2001, revised May 2004). Similarly, to properly anticipate claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), *Yasufuku* also must disclose each and every element recited in that claim. *Id.*

*Lu* and *Yasufuku* each do not anticipate claim 1 for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 recites, among other things, a "cover made of a transparent material to cover a card received by a card receiver" and a "lamp for which status can be confirmed without detaching the cover."

*Lu* and *Yasufuku* each fail to disclose at least these elements of claim 1. Thus, neither reference can anticipate claim 1 and the rejections of claim 1 under the Section 102(e) should be withdrawn. Claim 2 is allowable at least due to its dependency from allowable claim 1.

As shown in the specification, the disclosed apparatus enables protection of the a wireless LAN card's projecting part, such as an antenna, without interfering with the function of that projected part, even when projecting part of the card is projected. Furthermore, the disclosed apparatus is provided with a card slot cover 2 made of a transparent material. This transparent material covers the card received by the card receiver sufficiently protecting radio LAN card from dust.

The disclosed apparatus is also provided with a lamp. Since the card slot cover is made of the transparent material, blinking of the pilot lamp 13b can be confirmed without detaching the PC card slot cover 2. (*Specification*, p. 8, lines 19-22). Thus, mounting of the card can also be confirmed when the card is covered, even without detaching cover 2. As a consequence, the step of detaching the cover to confirm the state of mounting of the card can be omitted.

*Lu* discloses a signal adapter for memory card serving as a signal bridge for data transfer between a memory card and a computer. *Lu*, Abstract. *Lu*'s signal adapter may be "transplanting to a generic card reader to become a universal card reader for reading various memory cards." *Id.* *Yasufuku* discloses a "card connection adaptor to be used for connecting a card slot compliant with a first standard to a card compliant with a second standard by fitting the card in the card slot." *Yasufuku*, Abstract.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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